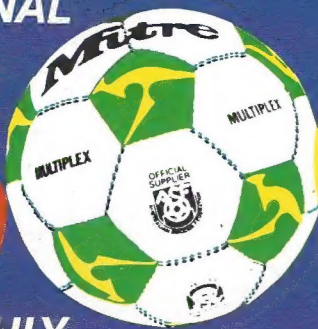


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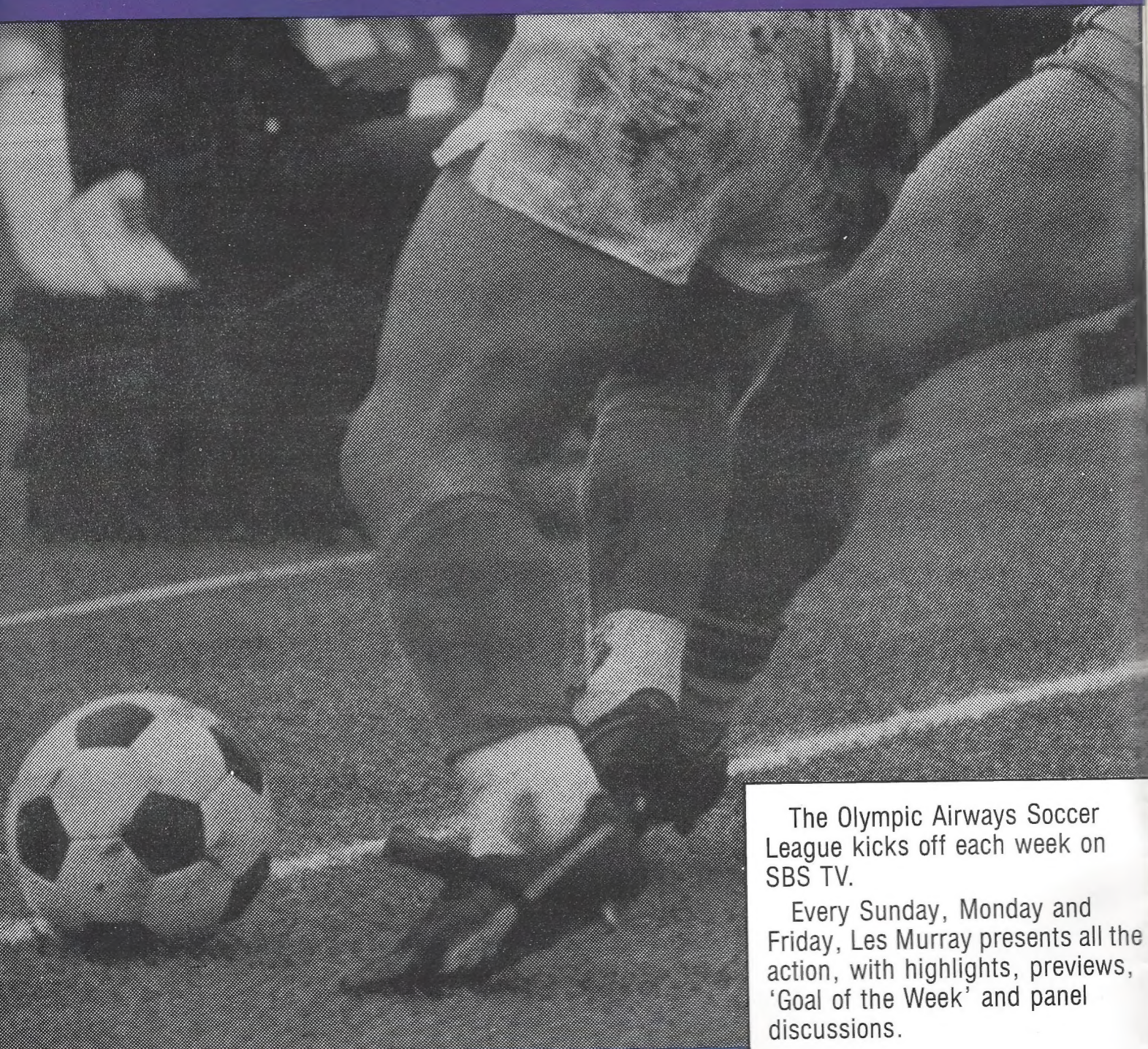
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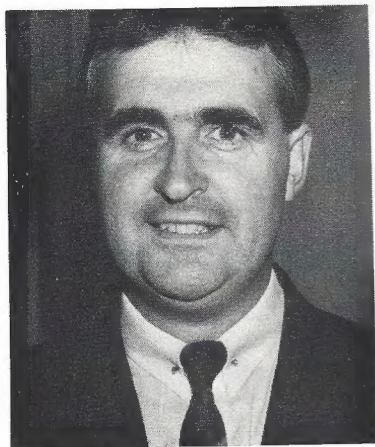
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE

At a time when soccer is receiving its greatest and most positive exposure "World Cup 1986", we find once again the media and others within the code offering negative criticism which can only harm the name of soccer itself.

Recently, for example, biased and ill-informed criticism, particularly from the Queensland media, has been directed at National Coach, Frank Arok, at a time when he should be receiving total support from all soccer followers within Australia.

It is difficult to believe that the sport is once more in disrepute — from within, not without.

Comments relating to the apparent exclusion of Queensland based players from the National team, the non-attendance of Frank Arok at the recent Queensland v NSW representative match and even scepticism at Arok's choice of Leon as his base in Mexico at the World Cup are becoming tiresome, are mischievous and appear to be a deliberate attempt to undermine confidence in the National Coach and hence the National Team.

This confidence however should not be easily shaken for, as we all know, Arok, his staff and players performed with great distinction in last year's World Cup qualifying rounds.

Arok by now is well aware of the talent available and which players have the potential to represent their country. He should be left unhindered, therefore, in his quest for success at the 1988 Olympic Games.

Unity and national pride in our team can only result in soccer being the success it should be in Australia.

Negativism and divisiveness within is the greatest threat to the prestige of Australian soccer, and yet many people still chose to take this path.

For once let us get it right.

On the subject of the media, isn't it amazing how the non-soccer scribes are quick to jump on the bandwagon at the first sign of trouble.

In the recent APIA Leichhardt/Wollongong match, which was played in a spiteful fashion, there were three send offs, six yellow cards and an incident involving one spectator, which was quickly and effectively handled by APIA Leichhardt officials.

However to read some newspapers one would have thought there had been a riot. Reports such as "violent confrontations reminiscent of the Pratten Park stampede" and "a match which saw as many punches as a world-class boxing tournament" appeared in the dailies, with further similar reports on radio.

On the same day a violent brawl in the Sydney Rugby League Match of the Day was simply regarded as an onfield punchup.

Once again, therefore, soccer was subjected to 'sensational' reports, which as can be proved by video evidence, were out of all proportion.

As a result of the Apia Leichhardt v Wollongong City match, three players were suspended and also faced the League's Judiciary Committee. In other matches played that weekend another three players received red cards.

Players, coaches, officials and fans quite often like to immediately point

the finger of blame at the referee, which in many cases is unfair and incorrect.

The fact of the matter is that it is coaches and players who generally determine the manner in which a match is to be played. They, as well as the referee, have a responsibility to ensure that the game is played in the proper spirit.

The League Executive has made it quite clear that it expects referees to stamp out foul play and demands co-operation from the clubs.

Soccer fans demand entertaining, skilful soccer with goals and few stoppages. If we cannot supply these ingredients we cannot in all honesty expect supporters to come flocking back to the code.

The coaches, despite their pressures, hold the key as indeed do the men in black and club officials.

Which Teams in 1987?

It is interesting to note that after 8 rounds the top 14 teams based on the criteria for qualification for the 1987 competition are:

Brunswick Juventus
Sydney Croatia
Sydney Olympic
Marconi
Sydney City
Wollongong City
Preston
Adelaide City
Footscray
South Melbourne
Heidelberg Utd.
St. George
Blacktown City
Sunshine George Cross

A careful look at the leading 7 teams in each division indicates the same 14 teams would have qualified had the season concluded at this stage.



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Letters to the Editor

FIRST CLASS MAGAZINE

Firstly, I would like to thank you and your team on an excellent magazine "National Soccer Monthly".

Although 1985 was only the first year of production, your magazine was first class (like a champion team).

I, along with many others, was wondering what we could expect from such a magazine but I am sure every one would agree that the end product is excellent.

A problem I have struck is that not all clubs are displaying the magazine on match days. Perhaps you should try selling at newstands etc., which would give greater accessibility and exposure to the soccer fan of the greatest game of all.

Now I would like to know when we are going to have a stable competition. I join with many other fans when I state we are getting sick and tired of all the changes every two years etc. Referring to a September Issue of NSL, "Where have all the Spectators gone?" by Bob Brian what can one expect when we don't know what competition our team is going to be in each year.

I have many Pen Friends throughout the world and find it difficult to explain to them how a team finishing 10th from a 12 team competition is relegated.

It's not easy also being Australian. Many of my friends who are of ethnic origin find it hard to believe I follow soccer and through choice support Blacktown City.

Blacktown is the only district club in the League who own their own ground, club, and generally are doing a great service to soccer with last year's promotion of the great "Kevin Keegan". I feel that if Blacktown are not in next year's competition in the NSL I might consider going back to Rugby League now that Parramatta have a new stadium.

Looking forward to this year's magazine and the NSL so keep up the good work.

All the best for 1986.

*R. Arundale
North Ryde*

SUGGESTIONS

I feel I must write to congratulate you on your excellent magazine.

When it first appeared last season, I thought it was of such high quality that you would find it difficult to maintain it, but if anything it is even better this year.

I wonder if I might take up a little space to put forward a couple of suggestions? Ever since the National League started numerous different formats have been tried, and quickly scrapped. One which I think was discarded too hastily was the innovation of three points for a win, which lasted just one season. If my memory serves me right, I know the mention of anything English is anathema to a lot of people here but if it was good enough for the arch-conservative Football League, surely we could have persevered with it a little longer.

By general consent, the three points a win formula injected new life into the English First Division, and turned the championship race into a real cliff-hanger.

It isn't just about scoring more goals, what the three points achieves is that it puts the draw in its proper place . . . worth a third of a win, instead of a half. It means that clubs that settle for a draw away from home fall farther behind as a result of their timidity, and it puts an end to coaches declaring, as Adelaide City's Zoran Matic was quoted recently "We'll go for a win at home and a draw away." What is more calculated to drive spectators away from the game than seeing visiting clubs putting up the shutters from the kick-off.

Apparently I am not in a minority in this hope, because I understand that a recent poll by SBS TV on the matter resulted in a vote of 10 to 1 in favour.

My other tiny gripe is about the kick off times. Why, oh why, do the games kick off as late as 3.00 p.m.? That other code manages fine here in Melbourne, kicking off at 2.00 p.m. It isn't just that we have to drive home in the dark after the match, it

affects so many other people, particularly the media. We are always griping about the lack of attention the media pays us, but has anyone given any thought to the problems the late kick-off causes? Here in Melbourne we have the only radio station that gives a damn about our code and it goes to air at 6.00 p.m. which gives its reporters very little time to prepare and file their reports.

It isn't just the electronic media that suffers, either. TV Cameramen and photographers tell me that in the middle of winter in Melbourne it is nearly impossible to get good pictures late in the second half of games which is often the crucial period of the game.

At the start of this letter I said I had a couple of points to mention, there is one other, and that is the ridiculous so-called formula for deciding the composition of the 1987 League.

Whoever dreamed that one up should be certified!

Maybe, though, other readers might like to write in and give their opinion on the three point suggestion and the matter of the kick-off times.

*Jim Harvey,
Coburg, Vic*

Editor's Comment: What about it readers? Write and tell us what you think . . . we'll award a Mitre ball to the writer of the best letter.

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I am a soccer fan and I always buy your magazine which I personally think is the best soccer publication in Australia.

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I would like to buy posters or photos of Ray Vlietstra. I would appreciate it if you could let me know where I could buy these and how much they would cost.

Your magazine advertises Mitre sports balls. I would like to obtain a soccer ball. Could you send me their address.

Thanks for helping.

*Fernando Da Rocha
Warrawong, NSW*

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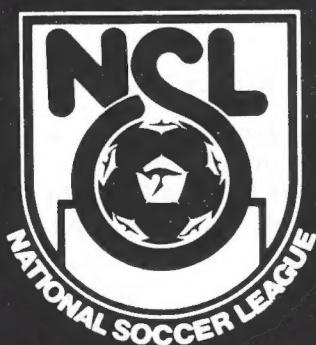
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Biggest Thrill: Playing my first full NSL game
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Superstitions: What are they?
Favourite Other Sports: Tennis, watching Collingwood
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Favourite Musicians: The Bangles
Favourite Film Star: Clint Eastwood

Biggest Influence on Career: Tony Dunkerley, John Gardiner, Tim White and best of all my elder brother, Jim, who coached me in our juniors



SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 JOHN MARKOVSKI

Wolves' Coach Finds Formula

By John Taylor



John Taylor is the chief soccer writer for the Daily and Sunday Telegraph newspapers in Sydney. He has covered Australia's World Cup campaign under former national coaches Jim Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf and current Soccerroo boss Frank Arok.

Wollongong City Chairman Laurie Kelly finds it hard to digest that his team hardly rates a mention in the Sydney press.

Wolves' coach John Fleming, however, doesn't mind in the slightest. "I would much prefer to keep a low profile," he says.

"I am sure we are looked upon merely as provincials and everyone takes us for granted."

The Wolves didn't exactly splash out big money to rebuild this year.

"There was deadwood which had to be cleared," said Fleming.

"I felt I introduced the right type of players — ones who would compete for each other. We don't have any stars, except for Saul Rivero."

Wollongong discovered the Uruguayan playing in the Ethnic Cup in Sydney late last year.

The Central midfielder has proved tremendous value with his spectacular free kicks. "He has other assets," says Fleming.

"He never gives the ball away and he supports the front men."

The Wolves other Uruguayan Leonel Arcosa can't win a regular spot in first grade. "He's finding the pace of the game faster and I can't put him in purely on reputation," Fleming said.

Fleming maintains that Wollongong's strength is its organisation.

"There's no one team in the League capable of giving us a drubbing," he boasts.

"When Frank Arok brought his St. George team here and took a point, he hugged his players as if he'd won the grand final.

"All teams who come to the south coast will know they have played the Wolves."

Wollongong expected to have Arsenal striker Tony Woodcock here for a guest stint but the deal has fallen through.

Woodcock recommended a West German striker who played at the 1982 World Cup finals as his replacement, but Fleming was worried that he may not be a drawcard with the Wollongong fans.

Remember the Israeli striker who got sent off against the Soccerroos in Melbourne last year?

His name is Eli Ohana and he's coming to Australia for a six-week guest stint with Sydney City.

"He's a dynamite player," says the Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson.

"I have never seen anyone take Australian fullback Alan Davidson to the cleaners like Ohana did. Mind you, he's so highly thought of that West German clubs were chasing him. His club though made it impossible for him to make a move."

Thomson added that Ohana would also be heavily involved in coaching Eastern Suburbs juniors.

The Slickers boss is delighted with the way Robert Hooker has settled into the defence in his first year of senior football. "He's probably been my most consistent player," said Thomson.

The club's most experienced forward John Kosmina may not be available to lend to the Soccerroos this year.

Kossie would like a break from representative football because his wife Judy is expecting their second child later in the year. "I still feel I can do a job for Australia in the Olympic Games campaign," he says.

Blacktown City Coach Casey de Bruin is a firm believer in promoting youth — Darren Northam and David Sharpe, from the Australian Institute of Sport, can testify to that.

Casey admits that it is a very difficult year for the former AIS boys to enter senior football. "It's a pressure year and one when coaches are going to stick with tried and tested players rather than bank on youth," de Bruin says.

"I can't afford to experiment because every point counts."

Northam and Sharpe haven't let the Demons down when called upon.

"The good thing is that both have an excellent attitude and never get down-hearted if they are not playing in the top team."

PREVIEW

Striker Joe Carroll, who cost the club nothing, is one of Blacktown's best signings, according to De Bruin.

"He's easily the best finisher we've seen at the club. He is so composed in front of goal."

Carroll, who previously played for Footscray, was recommended to de Bruin by Juventus coach Len McKendry.

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Whatever happened to Gregorz Lato, the former Polish striker who was expected to join Apia?

Coach Rale Rasic is still hopping mad when he's reminded that someone in his club let the cat out of the bag that Apia were chasing Lato, Rasic was in Fiji on business at the time.

Well, at least two other Poles have arrived to boost the club.

First man off the plane at Sydney airport was Janusz Baran, 29, who played for the Polish national team five times during 1981-82.

An attacking midfielder, Baran played more than 300 games for Lagia Warsaw and later played in Belgium.

Arriving a few days later was Edward Lorens, a Libero with Ruch Chorzow. He spent 10 years with the club and also played in Austria.

Both players are here for two years.

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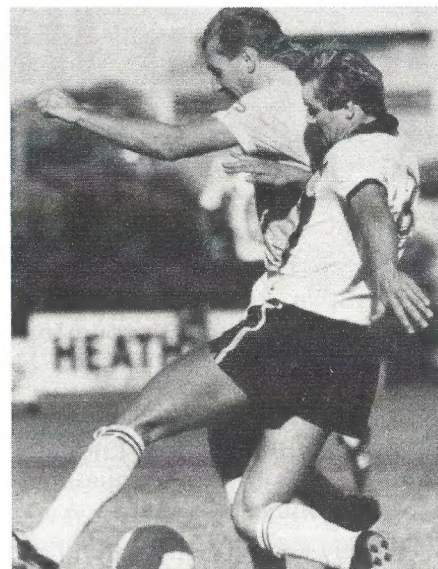
Two Yugoslavian recruits have certainly given Canterbury Marrickville Olympic the kiss of life.

The club's fortunes changed when midfielder Zaimi Burin and striker Peter Zrilic stepped out to play for the Berries for the first time against Blacktown.

At the time there had been bitter complaints about Canterbury's home ground at Arlington Oval being too dangerous because of large pot holes inside the 18 yard area.

The Berries won 1-0 at the Gabbie Stadium to record their first win of the season and a week later they held Sydney City to a 1-1 draw at home.

Coach Dom Kapetanovic looks to have made a very good choice with the two imports from Dynamo Zagreb.



Newcastle Rosebud defender Ralph Maier about to tackle Sydney City striker John Kosmina in the Nanda Cup.

Mick Coady can see a lot of English clubs in the lower divisions going part time — that's one of the reasons why he left Wolverhampton and came back to play with Sydney Olympic.

"We had 28 fulltime players at Wolves and we were only drawing 5000 spectators," Coady said.

"It's going to become more and more difficult for the smaller clubs to survive."

Coady has left his options open whether he stays with Olympic next year. He's convinced that Olympic will win the Northern Division League title at long last this season.

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In other news briefly:

Argentinian Adrian Janin made his debut in the second half for Marconi against St George on May 11. He couldn't help save Marconi from a 2-0 defeat. In the same match Yugoslavian Miklos Orszag played his first game in the NSL for Saints and shone.

Roy Thomson resigned as coach of Canberra City Olympians and Steve Bryant became the player-manager. It is hard to see Bryant emulating the feats of Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish by winning the League and Cup double.

Newcastle Rosebud signs up striker Stuart Heap, from English Fourth Division club Tranmere Rovers.



Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson

Johnno Had It Tough

By John Taylor



Even if you don't happen to be a Liverpool fan — you must surely salute the exploits of Australian Craig Johnston with the great English club, winners of the League and FA Cup double this year.

Nobody knows better than his good friend and old Newcastle school mate, Peter Tredinnick, just how difficult it was for Craig to be accepted in England — and with unfashionable Middlesbrough.

In five years at Liverpool, Craig has won four League medals, two Milk Cup medals, two Charity Shield medals, a European Championship winner's medal and now an FA Cup winner's medal — something another Australian Joe Marston was unable to achieve when he played in the losing Preston North End team in the 1954 FA Cup Final at Wembley.

What an incredible record!

While Johnston has had his knockers, Tredinnick, who plays in the midfield in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League's Northern Division, always believed his mate was going to make it.

Tredinnick accompanied Johnston to Middlesbrough during the 1976-77 English season.

"I can still remember the day I decided to go to England with Craig," Tredinnick recalls.

"I used to come to Sydney on the train and watch Craig play for Hakoah reserves. We were always armed with our skateboards and used to ride on the platforms. We went to the Opera House before the game that day and thanks to the generosity of our dads we were soon off to England.

"I guess I am telling tales out of school, but Craig was given a pretty rough time at the

youth hostel where we stayed. He had quite a few "scraps" but he handled himself well. Craig wasn't receiving any pocket money like the other apprentices.

"It would be true to say he was treated with a fair amount of ridicule, and continually told to go home. He trained twice as hard as the apprentices. And later Graeme Souness took Craig under his wing."

Tredinnick came back to Australia after a few months. "I never liked the style of living, I guess I should have given it a better go," he said.

Johnston persevered. "Craig believed that soccer was a science and a craft you had to work hard at," said Tredinnick.

"Do you know that Craig was told by a doctor once that he would never play football? He had osteomyelitis (infection of the bone).

"Craig was always a determined character. He could always apply himself and never take no for an answer. That's why he has succeeded.

"He was never an average performer at junior level. It is unfortunate he can't express what skills he really has because of the Liverpool style.

"There's no question that he has improved his speed and strength. It is just a pity we can't see what he is capable of doing with the ball."

Even though Johnston scored Liverpool's second goal in the 3-1 FA Cup win over Everton, Tredinnick feels Craig wouldn't have been happy with his game.

"I know him too well," said the man who was his groomsman.

"Even now I say to myself, Johnno's won the double. What a fantastic achievement — but he has indomitable spirit."

It is rare for a Liverpool manager to single out players.

But Kenny Dalglish, the player-manager who put so much faith in Johnston, said after the Cup Final: "It is fair to say Craig Johnston and Jan Molby had fantastic games.

"Craig never stopped. Nobody deserved a goal more."

Craig made a hit and run visit to Australia last month as a United Nations Sport Aid Ambassador. He brought the FA Cup — and a security guard — with him.

"This shows just what a genuine type of bloke Craig is," said Tredinnick.

Soccer Personalities — No. 1

To some people he's the Godfather, to his close friends he's simply TK, a lot of people love him, some probably dislike him, but like him or not, you can't ignore him.

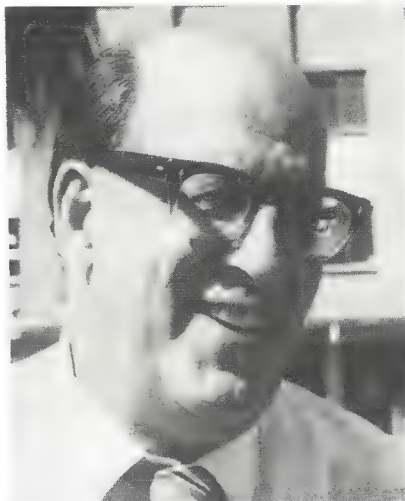
For twenty years, from 1960 to 1980 he was President of one of the giants of Victorian soccer, Footscray JUST, and although he is no longer active in the club, to any he still symbolises the spirit of Footscray, his beloved 'Plavi'.

He is, of course, Ante Kovac, better known as Tony, for 18 years owner of the best steak house in Melbourne, executive member of the ASF, very active vice-President of the National League, and a member of the Board of Management of the Victorian Soccer Federation of which he is a life member.

That's not bad for a Yugoslav migrant who could hardly speak a word of English when he arrived at Bonegilla Hostel in 1949. After the war when he was in Germany he had the option of settling in Canada or in Australia, and fortunately for our soccer, he chose Australia.

So the ex-schoolmaster, with a young wife and baby boy came looking for work at I.C.I. in Melbourne, on the recommendation of a captain in his regiment back in Germany, and he started there as a storeman. In his spare time he studied English, so assiduously that by the time he left to open his restaurant in 1969 he was Head Clerk, handling millions of dollars worth of business for customers, some of whom he still numbers among his friends.'

His love of soccer led him to join the fledgling JUST which was founded the year he arrived in Australia, and in 1953 he became committeeman of the club. That was a momentous decision for Victorian soccer, because in 1961, in Kovac's second year as JUST President,



Tony Kovac

his club was one of the six that revolted against the administration of the then Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association and reformed it as the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The revolt came about because the newer, post-war clubs, with big support as a result of the migrant boom, became impatient for change, and felt that the game was in the hands of a small clique who were too settled in their ways to contemplate progress.

As a result of the upheaval, Tony Kovac became a member of the New Board of Management and served two terms as Chairman, in 1963-64, and again in 1968-69. He was Chairman again in 1976, when the biggest upheaval ever in Victorian soccer history, one which made the 1961 split look like a storm in a tea-cup, came about . . . the formation of the National League.

When the notion of a National League was first mooted in Sydney, the Melbourne State League clubs refused to have a bar of it, and indeed, made a secret pact not to join. But Mooroolbark, led then by Tommy

Bailey, broke the pact and joined and when the State League clubs realised they had been left at the post, three more clubs, Fitzroy United, Footscray and South Melbourne left the VSF and joined the NSL.

It was civil war and, as is always the case in civil wars, there was much bitterness, the four rebels were looked on as traitors and practically ostracised and there were those on the Board at the time who gleefully predicted the early demise of the new League, and who could hardly wait to heap humiliation on the four when they came back to Victoria with their tails between their legs. 'They won't be allowed back in the State League', was the cry. That was a mere nine years ago, although so much has happened since that it seems like a lifetime. Four more Victorian clubs have since joined the League, most of its bitterest enemies have gone, and others have come to accept, albeit reluctantly, that the National League is here to stay, and it's for soccer's good.

Most of the bridge-building between the NSL and the VSF can be attributed to the level-headed attitude and statesmanship of Tony Kovac.

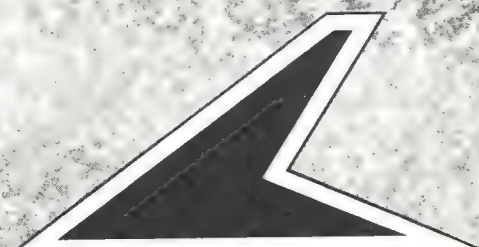
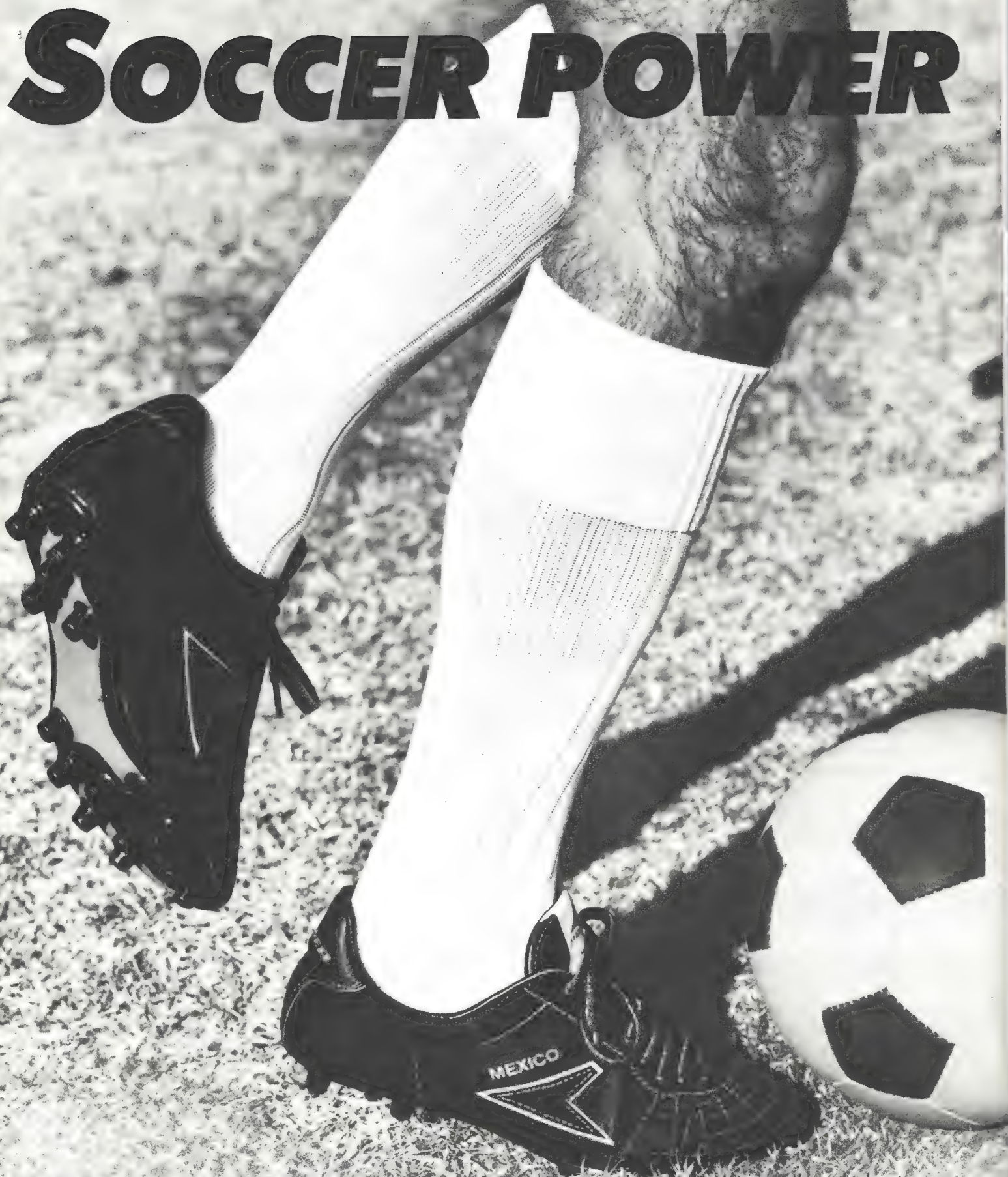
The breach has now been healed to the extent that two NSL representatives sit on the Board of the Victorian Soccer Federation, namely Tony Kovac and John Branov.

Now, looking back over the past ten years, does Kovac feel that any progress has been made?

He thinks and then says "Yes, slowly progress has been made. Firstly, Australia needs a National League if the game is ever going to go forward. The National League clubs have done everything in their power to make it a success, but there

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FOOTSTARS

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Height: 173 cm
Weight: 76 kg

Club and Position: Adelaide Hellas (left midfield).

Previous Clubs: Ed Azzurri, Whyalla City, Whyalla Lions

Rep Honours: Australian Indoor Soccer Team 1983, '84.

Senior Debut: Whyalla Lions 1979 or NSL in 1985

Residence: Adelaide

Greatest Moment: Scoring both goals in a 2-1 victory in the 1984 PGH Cup final

Biggest Disappointment: Not making this year's Ampol Cup final

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Fair

Marital Status: Married to Dorothy

Occupation: Electrical mechanic

Make of Car: GTR XU1 Torana, Datsun 120Y

Favourite Dish: Veal parmigian (or however you spell it)

Favourite Drink: Kahlua and milk

Favourite Movie: Ghostbusters

Last Book Read: The Great Gatsby

Favourite Performers: Police, ZZ Top, Cars, Cold Chisel

Favourite Music Type: Most types except classical and country and western

Special Interest/Hobbies: All sports, collecting gold and silver miniature ingots

Worst Injury: Torn ligaments in both ankles

Most Embarrassing Moment: Playing in one of my first NSL games and about the first six passes either went out of play or to one of the opposing teams players

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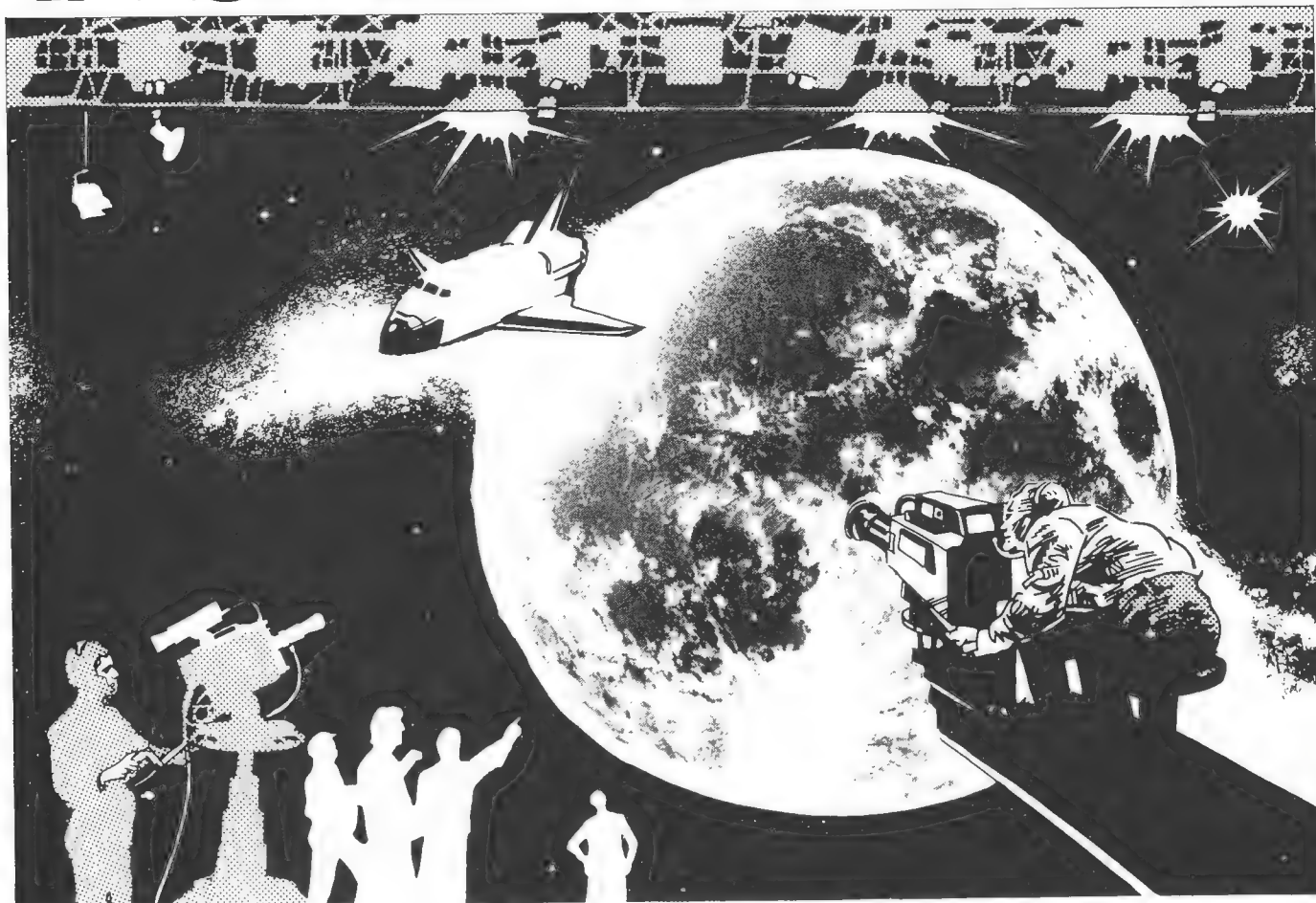
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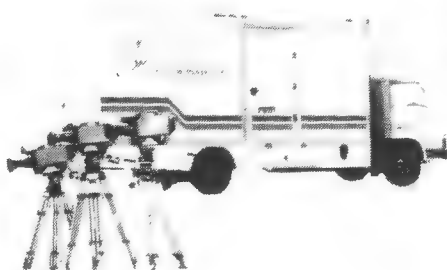
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ADELAIDE HELLAS

By Alan Crisp



Back Row (left to right): Alan Scott, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Martyn Crook, Graeme Honeyman, Lou Hristodoulou, Gary Ward. Front Row (left to right): Brian McLaughlin, Gary Price, John Panagis, Tim Brown, George Konstandopoulos, Chris Manou.

Adelaide Hellas has an unshakable resolve to be part of the Olympic Airways National Soccer League's super 14 team structure next year.

Why else did the club spend in excess of \$100,000 on the purchase of new players?

Why else did the club management ponder hard and long before making the heart-rending decision to part company with coach Neil McGachey after indifferent results over five rounds?

McGachey, who joined the club as a 15-year-old junior, was as much a part of the club as its logo.

Yet, common sense had to over-ride sentiment. Four losses from five outings simply was not good enough, so Edmund Kreft was called in to replace Hellas's favourite son.

In some quarters it was said that Hellas's action in dismissing McGachey was as unthinkable as if Adelaide City were to sack Johnny Perin.

But those people who thought that way were part-time amnesia sufferers because Perin was asked to stand down in favour of Bobby Ferguson.

Hellas started its 1986 campaign with its sights set firmly on winning the Southern Division championship.

With Soccerroo defenders Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn signed respectively from Heidelberg and Preston and with Scottish professional Brian McLaughlin and Youth Soccerroo Lou Hristodoulou added to its 1985 squad, this was not an unreasonable ambition.

Hellas's form in the Ampol Cup night series minor round

was superb as it hammered home 10 goals in three unconquered games.

But the first sign of vulnerability came in the Ampol Cup semi-final when Hellas lost 0-1 in extra-time to Beograd.

Despite the defeat, it was acknowledged that Hellas was the better side and that it was principally the brilliant goalkeeping of Frank Pasquini which carried Beograd into the final.

Somehow that unexpected set-back caused a scar which festered into the OANSL season.

Hellas began its League season with a shock 1-2 loss to Sunshine George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium, but this was countered by an impressive 4-2 success over Brisbane City in Brisbane.

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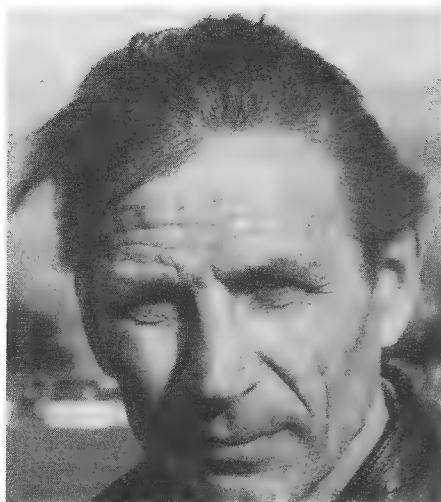
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Edmund Kreft, Adelaide Hellas coach.

But the wheels fell off the Hellas wagon over the next fortnight when it crashed to successive home losses against Preston (0-1) and Green Gully Ajax (0-3).

A 1-0 Nanda Cup win over Adelaide City helped to ease the pain before Hellas lost 0-2 to Brunswick Juventus in a round five match.

New broom Kreft effectively swept aside the tough Heidelberg outfit to give Hellas it's first League home win of the season.

Kreft, a former Polish professional striker and ex-Adelaide City and SA coach, brought to the club that magical missing ingredient — change — and above all, a wealth of coaching experience.

Kreft, unlike McGachey, has no great affinity for Hellas. After all, the club was his major rival when he was the Adelaide City supremo.

Fast talking Kreft's motive for accepting the Hellas post is, he says, to benefit SA soccer.

"Both Adelaide teams have to make the top seven," Kreft said. "We must have two teams in the National competition for soccer to survive in SA."

Those who know Kreft, know too that he will throw himself wholeheartedly into his new task.

The new players who do not know him will soon become familiar with the sound of his voice and become inexorably trapped in his motivational web.

Kreft was in charge of the SA State team when it pulled off a 1-1 draw with Inter Bratislava to create a record — the first time that an SA side had forced a draw with a visiting European team.

That was in 1970. Five years later Kreft improved on that record by taking the State side to a 2-1 success over Polish first division club Legia Warsaw.

One of the stars on that memorable January evening was Zoran Matic, now Adelaide City coach.

SA completed a crowded 1975 program by drawing 1-1 with Middlesbrough; losing 1-2 to Glasgow Rangers and being defeated 0-1 by Benfica before downing the Australian B team 2-1.

Neil McGachey was a prominent member of the SA team against Rangers and Benfica.

Even as he parted company with Hellas, McGachey remained steadfast in his belief that the club would have a successful season.

"I am disappointed in that I won't be with the team when they play off in this year's finals," McGachey said.

"They have the talent and character to achieve that goal and I am sure it won't be long before they put it all together on the park, regardless of who coaches them."

The talent McGachey referred to is certainly some of the most outstanding in Australia.

Captain Graham Honeyman, who won the OANSL Player of the Year award last season, heads the list which boasts former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook, current Australian internationals Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn and Youth Socceroo Lou Hristodoulou.

John Panagis, who played in the World Youth Cup finals in Russia alongside Hristodoulou, is another player of immense talent.

Apart from Martyn Crook, Hellas also has classy goalkeepers in former West Ham custodian Gary Sproul and young Alistair Crook.

Melbourne Croatia striker, Gary Ward, who made an important contribution in securing the home win against Heidelberg, is sure to add to his impressive goal scoring exploits.

Brian McLaughlin, formerly of Celtic, Ayr United, Motherwell, Hamilton and Falkirk, oozes experience, while the list stretches further with George Konstandopoulos, Alan Scott, Gary Price, Tim Brown, Chris Manou, Brenton, Hiern, Nick Mousoulis, Mike Genikas, Les Matiscsak and Steve Papadoupoulos all valuable players.

Then too, Hellas has Steve Atsalas, Nick Malavazos and Theo Stamatelopoulos recovering from injury and bursting to resume.

And what about all those Rothmans League squad players — Chris Tsolaridis, Theo Gravas, Jim Vahaviolos, Con Kapnistis, Jim Karabatsos, Mark Abraham . .

Barring plague, pestilence or nuclear attack, Hellas, with that cast of stars and supporting players, should brush aside the early cloud to reveal a silver-lined horizon similar to the one they discovered in 1978.



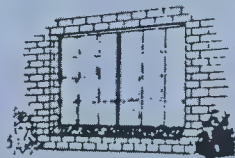
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ROUND 4 Northern Division

19th April

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(2) 3
Ingham (15, 42.) — Jones (87)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 3
Johnston (55) — Brandt (74) — Raskopoulos (90)
Adamstown Oval — 2750

Newcastle Rosebud Utd: Gosling, Milosevic, Maier, Bannon, Cavanagh, Naumov, Senkalski, Crabtree, Owens, Ingham, M. Jones.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Stankovic, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Johnstone, Estavillo (Brandt), Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Kalantzis.

20th April

INTER MONARO.....(0) 1
A. Carbone (70)
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 3
Kotamanides (55 pen.) — Giralaldi (57) — Murray (59)
Seiffert Oval — 729

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Gagetti, Budini (Williams), Willox, A. Ambrosino, Carbone, Dachs, Winn, Walsh, Wotherspoon (D'Addario).

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Vlietstra, Chilby, Morlando, Cokely, Arcosa (Gaffney), Murray, Giralaldi, Kotamanidis, Batten.

CANTERBURY M.O.....(0) 0
MARCONI.....(0) 2
Lowe (52) — Brown (83)
Arlington Oval — 1988

Canterbury: Hummell, Jerraiel, Svinos, Haniotis, Hantzis, Kirwan, Anagnostopoulos (Radman), Borges, Pettas, Phillipou, Thamnidis.

Marconi: James, Carter, Sterrey, Wheatley, Rizotto (Henderson), Gray, Mason, Tredinnick, Gunning (Driene), Lowe, Brown.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 1
Arnold (49)
APIA LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0
Croatian Sports Centre — 5992

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, M. Kovacic (A. Kovacic), Rozic, Jennings, Odzakov, Rumora, Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Lamond.

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Steven, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo, Butler, Colaguiari (Sterrey), Dounis, Stewart.

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 2
M. O'Shea (88) — Koczka (90)
CANBERRA CITY.....(1) 1
Phillips (11)
St. George Stadium — 827

St. George: Greedy, Lampropoulos (Cotton), Moffit (Caban), M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Skeen, Ratcliffe, Ricoy, Fletcher, Koczka, Porter.

Canberra City: Franken, Cant, Burke, Kulscar, Mazis, Mihailidis, Sermanni, Bryant (Dunn), Phillips, Gibson, Junna.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(3) 3
Thorntwaite (8) — Sandy (11) — Carroll (31)
SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 2
Kosmina (54, 60)
Gabbie Stadium — 1124

Blacktown City: Curtis, Sharpe, Ainsworth, McLeod, Knight, Bradley, Sandy, Byrne, Slater, Carroll (Northam), Thorntwaite.

Sydney City: McPherson, Rodrigues (Barnes), O'Connor, Robertson, Hooker, Watson, Gomez, De Marigny, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Kay).

ROUND 4 Southern Division

20th April

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0) 0
GREEN GULLY.....(1) 3
Lewis (25, 67, 89)
Hindmarsh Stadium — 3472

Adelaide Hellas: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Hiern, Manou, Hristodoulou, McLaughlin, Scott, Honeyman, Konstandopoulos.

Green Gully: Denys, Vizzini, Cannell, McLelland, Douglas, Cumming (Barichello), Fraser, Flavell, Reynolds, Lewis, Ward.

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0
BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS.....(2) 5
Zinni (12, 47) — Wade (24) — Dowie (57, 87)
Spencer Park — 2978

Brisbane City: Wishart (Lettieri), Bromfield, Caird, Mengotti, Archer, White, Hogg, Hamilton (Milosevic), Fabrizio, Reis, Cooper.

Brunswick Utd Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Durakovic, Wade, Dowie, Campbell, Cullen, Patterson, Zinne.

SUNSHINE G.C.....(0) 1
Richardson (90 pen.)
HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0) 1
Hunter (59 pen.)
Chaplin Reserve — 2430

Sunshine G.C.: Keogh, James, Richardson, Parton, Taylor, Bain, Faulkner, McLaren (Campelj), Lennon (Markovski), Gilder, Mitten.

Heidelberg Utd: Olver, McKie, Hunter, Selamides, Marley, Pappas, Kanesoulis, Valentine, Deligiannis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1) 1
Bonacic (28)
FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 2
Tapai (26 pen.) — Lujic (52)
Olympic Park No. 1 —

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, Hannah, Curcio, Redmond (Talajic), Ljubic, Biskic, Campbell, Bonacic, Ward, Todaric.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Karic, Vukcevic, Barjaktarevic, Tapai, Bonzinovski, Belic, Stosic (Lazopoulos), Latif, Lujic (Oblak).

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 2
Davidson (40, 55)
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0
Middle Park —

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, McDowall, Postecoglou, Tasios, Halford, Miranda, Nicolaides, Egan, Davidson.

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, McSkimming, Vasquez, Ogden, R. Stewart (Bell), Niven, Meredith (Mulvey), Anderson, Morton, J. Stewart.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(0) 3
Lane (59) Smith (80, 89)
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 0
Connor Reserve —

Preston: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Opasinis, Dobson, Ilioski, Campbell, Cole, Petrov, Heys, Lane, Smith.

Adelaide City: McNally, Higgins, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin (Alberton), Costanzo, Melta, Vidmar, Maybank, Mullen, Maxwell.

ROUND 5 Northern Division

3rd May

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0
ST. GEORGE.....(0) 0
Wollongong Showground — 2380

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giralaldi, Rivero, Batten, Kotamanidis, Murray.

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ollershaw, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Ricoy, Moffitt, Porter, Cotton, Fletcher.

4th May

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 0
CANTERBURY M.O.....(0) 1
Thamnidis (51)
Gabbie Stadium — 1097

Blacktown City: Hoare, Willis, Northam, Knight, McLeod, Byrne (Ellem), Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Sandy.

Canterbury: Barker, Akoutas (Jebraiel), Hantzis, Radman, Svinos, Zaimi, Godzik, Borges, Pettas (Kirwan), Thamnidis, Zrilic.

MARCONI.....(0) 2
Lowe (73 pen.) — Brown (86)
INTER MONARO.....(0) 1
D'Addario (86)
Marconi Stadium — 1632

Marconi: James, Carter, Rizotto (Calderan), Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Gunning (Brown).

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Gagetti, Budini, A. Ambrosino (Williams), Wotherspoon, Carbone, Willox (D'Addario), Winn, Walsh, Titilas.

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 0
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(1) 2
Naumov (19, 87)
Bruce Stadium — 965

Canberra City: Franken, Cant, Harkins, Burke, Bryant, Dunn, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Phillips, Gibson, Junna (Kulscar).

Newcastle: Gosling, Milosevic, Maier, Bannon, Crabtree, Senkalski, Cavanah, Ingham, Jones, Naumov, Owens.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 0
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 0
Pratten Park — 7819

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos (Brandt), Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Johnston (Spanaudakis), Kalantzis, Estavillo.

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, Jennings, M. Kovacic (Rezo), Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakov, Lamond.

SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 3
Kosmina (37, 67) — Farina (70)
APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Koussas (21)
Sydney Athletic Field — 1848

Sydney City: McPherson, Hooker, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Steven, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo (Morsello), Stewart, Koussas, Butler, Colaguiari.

ROUND 5

Southern Division

4th May

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1)	2
Hunter (16 pen.) — Tsolakis (85)	
BRISBANE CITY.....(0)	1
Cooper (61 pen.)	

Olympic Village —

Heidelberg Utd: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Deligiannis (Angele), Pappas (Metaxas), Kanesoulis.

Brisbane City: Cox, Salvatore, Bromfield, Caird, Mengotti, Fabrizio (Lettieri), Hamilton, Cooper, White, Hogg, Milosevic.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS.....(1)	2
Brown (44) — Sweeney (56)	
ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0)	0

Olympic Park No. 2 — 1370

Brunswick Juventus: Banovic, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Sweeney, Dowie (Montemurro), Palatsides (Vesnauer).

Adelaide Hellas: M. Crook, Brown, Dunn, Yankos, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos (McLaughlin), Manou, Panagis, Price (Papadopoulos), Scott.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0)	1
Mullen (61)	
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0)	0

Olympic Sports Field —

Adelaide City: McNally, Higgins, Alberton, Nyskohus, Shillabeer, Melta, Villani, Maybank (Costanzo), Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Tassios, Crainie, Nicolaidis.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0)	1
Hunter (89)	
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0)	0

Richlands — 2411

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, Wright (Mulvey), Morton (Low).

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Biskic, Gojevic (Ljubic), Todoric (Redmond), Ward, Talajic.

FOOTSCRAY.....(2)	2
Latif (6, 23)	
SUNSHINE G.C.....(1)	1

McLaren (40)

Schintler Reserve — 3759

Footscray: Nikitovic, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Bozinovski (Oblak), Lujic, Curovic (Simic).

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Taylor, Campelj (Markovski), Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain, Lennon.

GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0
PRESTON.....(0)	2

Lane (72) — Smith (88)

Green Gully Reserve — 1820

Green Gully: Denys, Vizzini, Douglas, McLelland, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, Fraser, Ward, Reynolds (Barichello), Cumming.

Preston: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Petrov, Heys, Smith, Cole, Lane, Campbell.

ROUND 6

Northern Division

10th May

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0)	0
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1)	1
Rivero (19)	

Adamstown Oval —

Newcastle Rosebud Utd: Gosling, Maier, M. Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Senkalski, Owens (Haynes), Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic.

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldo, Rivero, Batten (Gaffney), Kotamanidis, Murray.

11th May

ST. GEORGE.....(2)	2
Petkovski (25) — Ratcliffe (41 pen.)	
MARCONI.....(0)	0

St. George Stadium —

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Orszag (Ricoy), Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Moffit, Petkovski, Porter, Cotton, Ollerenshaw.

Marconi: James, Carter, Rizzotto (Janin), Henderson (Calderan), Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Gunning.

INTER MONARO.....(0)	1
Wotherspoon (70)	
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(2)	3

Carroll (34, 44) — Bradley (84)

Bruce Stadium — 823

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Walsh (A. Ambrosino), Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Willox, Winn, Giampaolo, Perinovic (D'Addario).

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Northam, Knight, McLeod, Byrne, Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Sandy.

APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1)	1
Bertogna (30)	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1)	2

Raskopoulos (33) — Kalantzis (76)

Lambert Park — 5420

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna, Steven, Brown, Bundalo, Butler, Hristovski, Stewart, Baran (Colaguiri, Dounis), Koussas.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Johnston, Estavillo (Patalis), Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1)	2
Lamond (40) — Odzakov (60)	
CANBERRA CITY.....(0)	0

Croatian Sports Centre —

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Jennings, M. Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin (Licata), Savor (Rezo), Arnold, Rumora, Odzakov, Lamond.

Canberra City: Franken, Cant (Dunn), Mihailidis, Burke, Phillips, Sermanni, Bryant, Gibson, Harkins, Junna, Hamilton.

CANTERBURY M.O.....(1)	1
Hantzis (37)	
SYDNEY CITY.....(1)	1

Kosmina (29)

Arlington Oval —

Canterbury: Barker, Jebrael, Hantzis, Radman, Svinos, Borges, Godzik, Zaimi (Kirwan), Zrilic, Pettas, Thamnidis (Haniotis).

Sydney City: McPherson, Hooker, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

ROUND 6

Southern Division

11th May

GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS.....(0)	0

Green Gully Reserve —

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Vizzini, Frazer, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, McLelland, Ward, Reynolds, Cumming.

Brunswick Juventus: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Sweeney, Dowie, Zinni (Palatsides).

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0)	1
Price (59 pen.)	
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0)	0

Hindmarsh Stadium —

Adelaide Hellas: M. Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Manou, Scott, Price, Ward.

Heidelberg Utd: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis (Higgins), Angele, Kanesoulis, Metaxas (Deligiannis).

BRISBANE CITY.....(1)	2
Fabrizio (17) — Hamilton (73)	
FOOTSCRAY.....(1)	2

Latif (29, 54)

Spencer Park —

Brisbane City: Cox, Salvatore (Hamilton), Bromfield, Mengotti, Fabrizio (Reis), Lettieri, Hogg, Cooper, White, Milosevic, Caird.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Bozinovski, Lujic (Simic), Curovic.

SUNSHINE G.C.....(0)	0
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0)	0

Chaplin Reserve —

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Taylor, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Markovski, Lennon, Bain.

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson (Low), Wright, Morton (Mulvey).

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0)	0
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0)	0

Olympic Park No. 1 —

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell (Todoric), Biskic (Ljubic), Gojevic, Markovac, Redmond, Talajic.

Adelaide City: McNally, Higgins, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (Wilde), Vidmar, Shillabeer.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1)	4
Middlemast (24) — Tasios (61) — Crainie (63, 69 pen.)	
PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(2)	3

Lane (14, 36) — Smith (54)

Middle Park —

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Tasios, Crainie, Middlemast.

Preston: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Campbell, Heys (Necovski), Petrov, Cole, Lane, Smith.



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NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES YOUTH TEAM. Back Row (left to right): Bob Mountford (Coach), Scott Harrison, Craig Carter, Craig Kelly, John Govern, Matthew Nicholson, Simon Rutherford, Tim Caimakamus, David Brown (Manager), Rick Sneddon (Physiotherapist). Front Row (left to right): Ricky Bucci, Craig Curry, Michael Devon, Wayne Webb, Scott Wilson, Warwick Maher, Derek Caisley, Anthony Gascoigne.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM. Back Row (left to right): Des Thomson (Trainer), Chris Tsoleridis, Deni Stepic, Ian Dawson, Dinko Blazinic, Paul Beltrame, Gary Moretti, Damien Harley, Kurt Leitner, Carlos Buzzetti (Assistant Coach), Mike Wells (Coach). Front Row (left to right): Steve Niscioli, Geoff Rowland, Peter Tanjic, Mark Brazzale, Tony Gasparetto, Louis Hristodoulou, Scott Baird, Con Lipapis.



QUEENSLAND YOUTH TEAM. Back Row (left to right): Tony Buesnel (Coach), Domenic Tonal, Lindsay Dines, Jim Hermiston, Neal Cotgrove, Graham Ross, Craig McColl, Alf Catalano, Brian MacNicol, Ian Dalziel (Manager), John Hulme (Masseur). Front Row (left to right): Robert Marinov, Cameron Pearce, Damien Butler, Col Junna, Mark Goodman, Anthony Sommerville, Jarrod Austin, Nicholas Meredith.



VICTORIA YOUTH TEAM. Back Row (left to right): Tim White (Coach), Joe Docherty (Manager), Joe Montemurro, Igor Lopatic, Corrado Nobile, John Markovski, Alex Eacott, Nick Ouslakas, Mark Talajic, Andrew Marth, Greg Cunningham (Physiotherapist), Bill Beveridge (Masseur). Front Row (left to right): John Anastasiadis, Jimmy Pasakos, Adam Byrne, Steve Brimmer, Stan Thodis, Colin Cooper, George Jolevski, Frank Sabatino.

13th May
VICTORIA.....3
 Thodis, Markovski, Anastasiadis
TASMANIA.....2
 Koch, Bloomfield
ACT.....0

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....4
 Murray, Brown, Edwards

14th May
VICTORIA.....3
 Anastadiis, Cooper, Jolevski
TASMANIA.....0

NEW SOUTH WALES.....4
 Okon, Shute, Quarmby, Gundle
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....1
 Moretti

15th May
NORTHERN NSW.....3
 Webb, Devon, Rutherford
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....0

VICTORIA.....1
 Anastasiadis
TASMANIA.....2
 D'Petro, Bloomfield

16th May — FINAL
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....2
 Armstrong, Edwards

THIRD & FOURTH
VICTORIA.....3
 Jolevski 2, Thodis

FIFTH & SIXTH
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....1
 South Australia won 3-0

SEVENTH & EIGHTH
TASMANIA.....2
 Guilbert, Greenwood
 Tasmania won 3-0



THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. Tommy Maras, 2. Craig Naven, 3. Alan Riddell, 4. Barry Neylon, 5. Alan Nicolaou, 10. Ken Murray, 11. Alistair Edwards, 12. Gavin Brown, 13. Orlan Tindall, Coach John Ward, Trainer Ted Hornby.

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

MELBOURNE

NORTHERN NSW.....1	
Caisley	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....3	
Dawson, Rowland, Hristodoulou	
NEW SOUTH WALES.....7	
Quarmby 2, Northam, Moffatt, Olerenshaw, Shute	
QUEENSLAND.....2	
Austin, Junna	
ACT.....0	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....4	
Brown, Cullova, Moodie, Murray	
NORTHERN NSW.....0	
QUEENSLAND.....1	
Meredith	
ACT.....0	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....1	
Naven, (penalty)	
NEW SOUTH WALES.....1	
Olerenshaw	
QUEENSLAND.....4	
Dines (3), Sommerville	
NEW SOUTH WALES.....0	
QUEENSLAND.....1	
Junna	
NORTHERN NSW.....1	
on 4-2 on penalties	
ACT.....2	
Giampaolo, Dimichel	
3-0 on penalties	



NEW SOUTH WALES YOUTH TEAM. Back Row (left to right): Klaus Okon, Russell Gundie, Paul Quarmby, Keith Warren, Paul Edmunds, George Bouhoutos, Fabian Sacilotto, Steve Chillis, David Barrett. Front Row (left to right): David Scott, Chris Ackery, Craig Moffitt, Scott Olerenshaw, David Shute, John Brown, Darren Northam.



National Youth Final — Gavin Brown (W.A.) is tackled by Paul Edmunds (N.S.W.).



National Youth Final — Andrew Wright (W.A.) flies over Craig Moffitt and John Brown (N.S.W.) as Ken Murray (W.A.) looks on.



AUSTRALIAN WINNING SQUAD

Armstrong, 6. Andrew Wright, 7. Ian Cornthwaite, 8. Craig Moodie, 9. Dean Colli, 14. Danny Collova, 15. Gary Lee, 16. Andrew Pattersen, Manager Ron



N.S.W. v Nthn N.S.W. — (left to right): Craig Moffitt (N.S.W.), David Shute (N.S.W.), John Govern (Nthn N.S.W.), Craig Curry (Nthn N.S.W.).



Vic. vs N.S.W. — Mark Talajic (Vic.) and Paul Quarmby (N.S.W.).

ROUND 7

Northern Division

18th May

CANTERBURY M.O.....(0) 5
Godzik (65) — A. Ambrosino (68 own goal) —
Thamnidis (84, 87) — Zrilic (89)
INTER MONARO.....(0) 0
Arlington Oval — 865

Canterbury: Barker, Akoutas, Haniotis, Radman,
Hantzis, Zaimi, Godzik, Borges (Kirwan), Pettas
(Jebraiel), Zrilic, Thamnidis.

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Walsh, Tuilawa,
Ttilas, Gagetti, Wotherspoon (D'Addario),
Carbone, A. Ambrosino, Trajanovski, Giampaolo
(Perinovic), Winn.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1
Sandy (90)
ST. GEORGE.....(0) 1
Porter (63)
Gabbie Stadium — 1480

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, McLeod, Denyer,
Northam, Byrne, Bradley, Knight, Slater, Carroll,
Sandy.

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, Ratcliffe,
Lampropoulos, R. O'Shea, Porter, Orszag, J.
O'Shea, Petkovski, Fletcher (McKie),
Ollerenshaw (Ricoy).

MARCONI.....(0) 1
Gunning (88)
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(1) 1
Heap (40)
Marconi Stadium — 1682

Marconi: James, Carter, Wheatley (Henderson),
Mason (Gunning), Rizzotto, Gray, Tredinnic,
Sterrey, Janin, Lowe, Brown.

Newcastle: Gosling, Maier, Bannon, Jones,
Naumov, Senkalski, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham,
Milosevic (Garland), Heap.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Giraldi (68)
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 0
Wollongong Showground — 5968

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Vlietstra,
Chilby, Morlando, Gaffney, Cokely, Murray,
Rivero, Giraldi, Kotaminidis.

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, Kovacic, Rozic,
Jennings, Odzakovic, Arnold, Clinch, Rumora,
Lamond (Licata), Jurin.

CANBERRA CITY.....(3) 4
Junna (6) — Phillips (11) — Mihailidis (17) —
Gibson (84)
APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Butler (3)
Bruce Stadium — 756

Canberra City: Franken, Dunn, Cant, Burke,
Bryant, Sermanni (Mazis), Mihailidis, Hamilton,
Gibson (Fernandez), Junna, Phillips.

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Brown, Steven,
Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski (Dounis), Silva
(Stewart), Butler, Lorens.

SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 1
Saad (16)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 1
Estavillo (9)
Sydney Athletic Field — 8641

Sydney City: McPherson, Gomez, O'Connor,
Robertson (Rodrigues), Hooker, Watson, Barnes,
De Marigny, Saad, Farina, Lee.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers (Patalis), Coady,
Dakos, Philips, Johnston, Raskopoulos,
Estavillo, Soper, Stevenson (Stankovic),
Kalandzidis.

ROUND 7

Southern Division

18th May

BRISBANE LIONS.....(3) 6
Anderson (1) — Wright (323, 34, 53) — Salvatore
(71 own goal) — Hunter (89)
BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 1
Milosevic (82)
Richlands — 3282

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson,
Liddell, Niven, J. Stewart, R. Stewart (Austin),
Ogden, Anderson (Low), Wright, Morton.

Brisbane City: Cox, Salvatore, Mengotti, Caird,
Bromfield (Reis), Lettieri, Hogg (Hamilton),
Fabrizio, Milosevic, Cooper, White.

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 1
Tapai (63)
ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0) 0
Schintler Reserve — 2490

Footscray: Nikitovic, Barjaktarevic, Vukcevic,
Karic, Petrovski, Stosic, Bozinovski, Curovic
(Simic), Tapai, Latif, Lujic.

Adelaide Hellas: M. Crook, Brown, Yankos,
Dunn, Scott, Hristodoulou, Honeyman, Panagis,
Price (Manou), Ward, Konstandopoulos.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 1
Lucchesi (46)
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Cumming (86)
Olympic Village — 2250

Heidelberg Utd: Olver, McKie, Hunter, Selemidis,
Marley, Kanesoulis, Angele, Valentine, Tsolakis,
Lucchesi, Deligannis (Wilson).

Green Gully: Denys, Vizzini (Reynolds),
McLelland, Cannell, Hogben, Cumming, Fraser,
Flavell, Douglas, Ward, Lewis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 1
Crainie (28)
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
Middle Park — 3585

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair,
McDowall, Postecoglou, Tasios, Miranda,
Davidson, Crainie, Egan, Middlemast.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh,
Curcio, Hannah, Biskic, Redmond, Campbell,
Cristaldo (Ljubic), Markovac, Todoric (Bonacic).

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 0
SUNSHINE G.C.....(0) 0
Olympic Sports Field — 2037

Adelaide City: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus,
Flounders, Higgins (Tobin), Melta, Santrac,
Villani, Vidmar, Mullen, Maxwell.

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Campelj, Parton,
Richardson, James, Faulkner, McLaren, Bain,
Mitten, Lennon (Markovski), Gilder.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(0) 0
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS.....(0) 1
Campbell (70 pen.)
Connor Reserve — 3650

Preston: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Opasinis,
Dobson, Ilioski, Campbell (Necovski), Cole,
Petrov (Von Egmond), Heys, Smith, Lane.

Brunswick Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown,
Yzendoorn, Campbell, Vesnaver (Montemurro),
Wade, Cullen, Durakovic, Patterson, Palatsides.

ROUND 8

Northern Division

24th May

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 2
Bradley (4) — Carroll (78)
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 2
Maier (67) — Jones (75)
Gabbie Stadium —

25th May

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 2
Orszag (47) — Ollerenshaw (54)
CANTERBURY M.O.....(1) 1
Borges (44) St. George Stadium —

APIA LEICHHARDT.....(0) 1
Baran (76)
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) 1
Rivero (13 pen.) Lambert Park —

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 1
Kalandzidis (70)
CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Dunn (60) Pratten Park —

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 2
Arnold (34, 89)
MARCONI.....(0) 2
Lowe (81) — Brown (83)
Croatian Sports Centre —

INTER MONARO.....(0) 0
SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 0
Seiffert Oval —

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Wollongong	8	5	2	1	11	5	12
2. Syd. Olympic	8	3	5	0	18	9	11
3. Syd. Croatia	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
4. Marconi	8	4	2	2	14	10	10
5. Blacktown	8	4	2	2	11	10	10
6. St. George	8	3	3	2	10	8	9
7. Sydney City	8	2	4	2	13	11	8
8. Newcastle	8	1	5	2	9	12	7
9. Canberra City	8	2	2	4	8	10	6
10. Canterbury	8	2	2	4	10	13	6
11. Leichhardt	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
12. Inter Monaro	8	0	1	7	4	21	1

Southern Division

25th May

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0) 2
Ward (52), (82)
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0
Hindmarsh Stadium —

BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS.....(2) 4
Yzendoorn (11), Patterson (23), Dowie (79), Cullen
(89)
HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0) 1
Lucchesi (70) Olympic Park —

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Lewis (88)
FOOTSCRAY.....(2) 3
Tapai (2), Stosic (33), Bozinovski (90)
Green Gully Reserve —

SUNSHINE G.C.....(0) 3
Bain (63), Gilder (68), Richardson (90 pen.)
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Crainie (78) Chaplain Reserve —

PRESTON.....(1) 2
Heys (8), Spink (86)
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
Connor Reserve —

BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 2
Reis (27), Cooper (56)
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 2
Villani (38), Melta (51)
Spencer Park —

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Footscray	8	6	1	1	14	13	13
2. Bruns. Juv.	8	5	2	1	16	2	12
3. Adelaide City	8	3	4	1	14	8	10
4. Preston	8	4	2	2	11	5	10
5. Sunshine G.C.	8	3	4	1	9	6	10
6. Sth. Melb.	8	4	0	4	9	9	8
7. Heidelberg	8	2	3	3	8	11	7
8. Bris. Lions	8	2	2	4	8	9	6
9. Adel. Hellas	8	3	0	5	8	11	6
10. Green Gully	8	1	3	4	7	10	5
11. Brisbane City	8	1	3	4	9	21	5
12. Melb. Croatia	8	1	2	5	3	11	4



NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 5

Northern Division

3rd May

A.I.S.6 v Newcastle.....0
Wollongong1 v St. George.....1

4th May

Blacktown City0 v Canterbury0
Marconi2 v Inter Monaro0
Canberra City4 v Newcastle1
Sydney Olympic2 v Sydney Croatia1
Sydney City1 v Apia Leichhardt3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	8	6	1	1	37	6	13
2. Canberra City	6	5	0	1	20	9	10
3. Apia L'hardt	6	4	1	1	18	6	9
4. St. George	6	3	2	1	14	9	8
5. Syd. City	5	3	1	1	15	8	7
6. Syd. Olympic	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
7. Marconi	5	3	0	2	9	5	6
8. B'town City	6	2	2	2	7	13	6
9. Wollongong	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
10. Syd. Croatia	5	1	1	3	5	12	3
11. Inter-Monaro	6	1	0	5	5	26	2
12. Newcastle	6	0	1	5	4	17	1
13. Canterbury	6	0	1	5	2	23	1

ROUND 6

Northern Division

10th May

Newcastle3 v Wollongong0
A.I.S.5 v Sydney Croatia0

11th May

St. George6 v Marconi1
Inter-Monaro1 v B'town City6
Apia L'hardt1 v Sydney Olympic2
Sydney Croatia1 v Canberra3
Canterbury MO0 v Sydney City4

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
2. Canberra	7	6	0	1	23	10	12
3. St. George	7	4	2	1	20	10	10
4. Apia L'hardt	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
5. Syd. City	6	4	1	1	19	8	9
6. Syd. Olympic	7	4	1	2	14	10	9
7. B'town City	7	3	2	2	13	14	8
8. Marconi	6	3	0	3	10	11	6
9. Wollongong	6	1	1	4	7	15	3
10. Newcastle	7	1	1	5	7	17	3
11. Syd. Croatia	7	1	1	5	6	20	3
12. Inter-Monaro	7	1	0	6	6	32	2
13. Canterbury	7	0	1	6	2	27	1

ROUND 7

Northern Division

18th May

Canterbury0 v Inter-Monaro1
B'town City3 v St. George3
Marconi4 v Newcastle0
Wollongong2 v Syd. Croatia1
Canberra City2 v Apia L'hardt2
Sydney City3 v Syd. Olympic0

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
2. Canberra	8	6	1	1	25	12	13
3. Syd. City	7	5	1	1	22	8	11
4. St. George	8	4	3	1	23	13	11
5. Apia L'hardt	8	4	2	2	21	10	10
6. Syd. Olympic	8	4	1	3	14	13	9
7. B'town City	8	3	3	2	16	17	9
8. Marconi	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
9. Wollongong	7	2	1	4	9	16	5
10. Inter-Monaro	8	2	0	6	7	32	4
11. Newcastle	8	1	1	6	7	21	3
12. Syd. Croatia	8	1	1	6	7	22	3
13. Canterbury	8	0	1	7	2	28	1

ROUND 8

Northern Division

24th May

B'town City4 v Newcastle1

25th May

Apia L'hardt2 v Wollongong4
Syd. Croatia1 v Marconi5
St. George1 v Canterbury2
Syd. Olympic2 v Canberra City2
Inter Monaro0 v Syd. City4

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
2. Canberra	9	6	2	1	27	14	14
3. Syd. City	8	6	1	1	26	8	13
4. St. George	9	4	3	2	24	15	11
5. B'town City	9	4	3	2	20	18	11
6. Apia L'hardt	9	4	2	3	23	14	10
7. Marconi	8	5	0	3	19	12	10
8. Syd. Olympic	9	4	2	3	16	15	10
9. Wollongong	8	3	1	4	13	18	7
10. Inter-Monaro	9	2	0	7	7	36	4
11. Newcastle	9	1	1	7	8	25	3
12. Syd. Croatia	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
13. Canterbury	9	1	1	7	4	29	3

ROUND 5

Southern Division

4th May

Heidelberg6 v Frankston Pines1
Brunswick UJ0 v Brighton2
Nunawading2 v Sth. Melb.4
Fawkner0 v Melb. Croatia9
Footscray0 v Sunshine GC3
Green Gully0 v Preston0

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	5	4	1	0	14	1	9
2. Sth Melb.	5	4	1	0	17	5	9
3. Brighton	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
4. Melb. Croatia	5	2	2	1	16	4	6
5. Preston	5	1	4	0	8	3	6
6. Footscray	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
7. Green Gully	5	1	3	1	4	3	5
8. Nunawading	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
9. Heidelberg	5	1	2	2	10	13	4
10. Brunswick	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
11. Franks. Pines	5	0	1	4	4	20	1
12. Fawkner	4	0	0	5	1	26	0

ROUND 6

Southern Division

11th May

Green Gully0 v Brunswick UJ2
Brighton0 v Heidelberg1
Frankston Pines3 v Footscray2
Sunshine GC11 v Fawkner0
Melb. Croatia2 v Nunawading2
Sth Melbourne1 v Preston1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	6	5	1	0	25	1	11
2. Sth Melb.	6	4	2	0	18	6	10
3. Melb. Croatia	6	2	3	1	18	6	7
4. Brighton	6	3	1	2	11	5	7
5. Preston	6	1	5	0	9	4	7
6. Footscray	6	3	0	3	10	11	6
7. Heidelberg	6	2	2	2	11	13	6
8. Green Gully	6	1	3	2	4	5	5
9. Nunawading	6	1	3	2	9	11	5
10. Brunswick	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
11. Franks. Pines	6	1	1	4	7	22	3
12. Fawkner	6	0	0	6	1	37	0

ROUND 7

Southern Division

18th May

Fawkner1 v Frankston Pines4
Footscray1 v Brighton3
Heidelberg4 v Green Gully1
Sth Melb.2 v Melb. Croatia1
Nunawading0 v Sunshine GC6
Preston1 v Brunswick1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sth Melb.	7	5	2	0	20	7	12
2. Sunshine	7	5	1	1	28	2	11
3. Melb. Croatia	7	4	2	1	20	6	10
4. Brighton	7	4	1	2	14	6	9
5. Preston	7	1	6	0	10	5	8
6. Heidelberg	7	3	2	2	15	14	8
7. Brunswick	7	3	1	3	8	7	7
8. Green Gully	7	1	3	3	5	9	5
9. Nunawading	7	1	3	3	9	17	5
10. Franks. Pines	7	2	1	4	11	23	5
11. Footscray	7	2	0	5	10	15	4
12. Fawkner	7	0	0	7	2	41	0

ROUND 8

Southern Division

25th May

Brunswick1 v Heidelberg3
Green Gully1 v Footscray2
Brighton7 v Fawkner0
Frankston Pines2 v Nunawading3
Sunshine GC1 v Sth Melb.0
Preston0 v Melb. Croatia1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	8	6	1	1	29	2	13
2. Melb. Croatia	8	5	2	1	21	6	12
3. Sth Melb.	8	5	2	1	20	8	12
4. Brighton	8	5	1	2	21	6	11
5. Heidelberg	8	4	2	2	18	15	10
6. Preston	8	1	6	1	10	6	8
7. Brunswick	8	3	1	4	9	10	7
8. Nunawading	8	2	3	3	12	19	7
9. Footscray	8	3	0	5	12	16	6
10. Green Gully	8	1	3	4	6	11	5
11. Franks. Pines	8	2	1	5	13	26	5
12. Fawkner	8	0	0	8	2	48	0

FOOTSCRAY SHAKES OFF THE BLUES



Ernie Tapai (Footscray) challenges Gary Ward (Adelaide Hellas).

Soccer fans all over the country have been rubbing their eyes on Monday mornings when they've picked up their newspapers to read that Footscray is setting the pace in the Southern Division.

Can this be the same team, they say, that consistently hovered around the bottom four and actually finished last in 1985?

It's the same club all right, and it still plays in Navy blue, but that's where all resemblance to the teams of the last nine seasons ends.

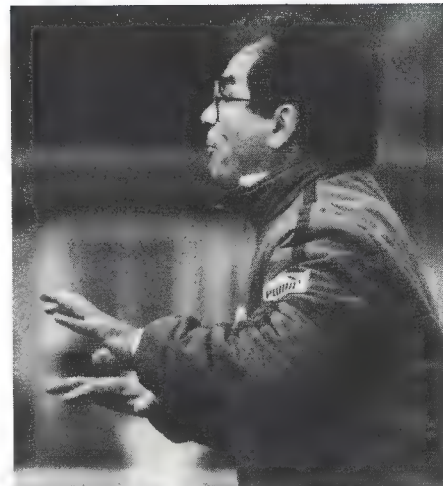
This year the Blues have been transformed from perpetual losers to potential League winners with such startling effect that if they were horses the

stewards would be calling for a swab.

And if you think that transformation is too strong a term for what has happened, just ponder the fact that last year Footscray won only five of its 22 games, and this season it has already won five of its first seven.

When Footscray finished bottom last year, it would have been relegated if first Croydon City and then Morwell Falcons had not turned down the promotion. The club committee, knowing that 1986 was its last chance, maybe for ever, of staying in top company, and also knowing that in view of the club's dismal National League record, a Final Five place was a must, realised drastic steps must be taken.

A lot of players were dumped,



'Seki' — Footscrays 'conductor'.

some like Don MacLeod and Joe Carroll were transferred and a gigantic effort was mounted to raise money for what was to be virtually a new team. The extent of the purge can be gauged by the fact that the first team now can field only five players who were in the 1985 line-up. They are veteran and captain Zdravko Lujic, Vlatko Belic, Tom Karic, Ernie Tapai and Radovan Barjactarevic.

For salvation, the Blues turned to one of Yugoslavia's darlings, the near legendary Dragoslav Sekularac. 48-year-old Sekularac came here on a goodwill visit to Australia's Yugoslavian community after coaching Guatemala in its World Cup bid.

He was persuaded to come back and take on the coaching job, and, with three temporary visas available after the clearout, to also bring with him three players from Yugoslavia.

The three players were goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic,

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Back Row (left to right): Dragoslav Sekularac (coach), Zdravko Lujic, Radovan Barjactarevic, Paul Simic, Zoran Nikitovic, Vlatko Belic, Vojislav Vukcevic, Tom Karic, Joe Sterpin (Vice President). Front Row (left to right): Vlado Bozanovski, Suleiman Curovic, Ernie Tapai, Marino Oblak, Vlado Stosic, Ossie Latif. Inset: Ljube Petrovski.

central defender Vojislav Vukcevic and forward Vlado Stosic.

Whilst the players undoubtedly were a boost, the full effect of whom is still to come, Sekularac's impact has been tremendous.

At \$1000 a week he must be Australia's highest paid coach but the atmosphere he has generated at Schintler Reserve has been electric.

He trained the players hard from the start, and it's still Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday night training, and Schintler, which used to have the atmosphere of a disused churchyard, now is buzzing with excitement. It's nothing to see 300 spectators at a training session ("we get more spectators at training through the week than some clubs get on a match day" says an enthusiastic committeeman).

The training and all the hard work is paying off too. The criticism was always levelled at Footscray players that they were skilful enough, overfond of dribbling, but lacking stamina, and above all, lacking heart.

The present outfit is well on the way to burying forever those jibes. These Blues run like hell and fight like hell for the ball, and it's all down to Sekularac's iron discipline. Even respected figures like captain Zdravko Lujic are not immune. If you turn up late for training, or even worse, skip it, you'll be fined and dropped . . . Lujic knows, it's already happened to him.

It's a great pity the Man doesn't speak English. Talking to him through an interpreter you get the accurate gist as relayed by an honest interpreter, but you miss all the nuances, which is a great pity, because 'Seki' has been there, done that, and when he admits, with a twinkle in the

eye, that he used to be a 'naughty boy', you recall that he was always a thorn in the side of the Yugoslav hierarchy, not quite a Georgie Best, maybe more a Rodney Marsh or a Stan Bowles.

But actions speak louder than words, and you don't need an interpreter when you watch Seki throwing himself into six a side with his boys, at the end of a training session, or to see the respect he receives from every player, from the youngest to the longest-serving.

It has been said that Sekularac's arrival at Footscray has been the greatest boost the Yugoslav community in Australia has ever received, and that is probably not an overstatement.

Are Footscray in a false position on top of the League? Not on your life, don't be surprised if they are still there in September.

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Birthplace: Scotland

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 11st 3lb

Club and Position: Adelaide Hellas (midfield).

Previous Clubs: Celtic, Ayr Utd., Motherwell, Hamilton, Falkirk.

Rep Honours: Scottish Schoolboys U/15s, U/18s, Youth Team

Senior Debut: Scottish Cup v Clydebank, September, 1971

Residence: Brooklyn Park, Adelaide

Greatest Moment: Winning Scottish Division 1 in 1982 by 14 points

Biggest Disappointment: Bad injury in 1983

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Fair

Marital Status: Married to Moira, 1 child, Kara

Occupation: Sales representative

Make of Car: None at present

Favourite Dish: Steak and chips

Favourite Drink: Lager Shandy

Favourite Movie: The Quiet Man

Last Book Read: Emelyn Hughes Story

Favourite Performers: U2, Paul Young

Favourite Music Type: Pop, country and western

Special Interest/Hobbies: None in particular

Worst Injury: Tearing knee ligaments and losing cartilage

Most Embarrassing Moment: None in particular

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Brisbane City secretary, Guido Canale has 25 good reasons for despairing at the "Gloom and Doom" forecasts hovering over the club as it battles against the odds in the OASL this season.

Canale has been a fixture at Spencer Park for over 25 years and has naturally shared in the good times and the more rocky periods.

He admits everything seems to be stacked against the club this year, along with the uncertainty over what is going to happen in 1987 hovering like a black cloud.

First there was the decision to grant former defender Frank Liddell a free transfer, allowing him to go to Brisbane Lions when he decided to return to Australia.

The club must grimace every time Liddell is mentioned in despatches for the way he has shored up the Lions backline and his recall to the Queensland side.

Everything is easy in hindsight. At the time City felt they were reasonably well accommodated with defenders.

They needed strikers and had only two visa places available, one of them already occupied by Brazilian midfielder Roberto Lettieri.

So the club secured Kieran Cooper and Phil White and its now history problems at the back have contributed to some ordinary performances, particularly at home.

A further setback followed when long-serving 'keeper Kim Wishart broke his leg, forcing defender Garry Bromfield into the position virtually at the start of the match against Brunswick, which they lost 5-0.

City then underwent the trauma of a change in coaching personnel, in which Jim Hermiston resigned to make way for current caretaker Billy Wilkinson.

The most recent turmoil surfaced in the drawn horse match against Adelaide City, when referee Gordon Nicholson sent off two players, and Cooper missed a penalty for the nine-man City with a few minutes left.

QUEENSLAND PREVIEW

By Bruce Waddell of the 'Sun'



Brisbane City's new coach Billy Wilkinson (left) in his playing days.

"It seems to be one thing after another at the moment", Canale said, "but I have no fears over the future of the club, despite how things look sometimes."

"We are going through a bad patch, but City have always been one of the front-runners in Queensland, and Australia for that matter, and we will remain that way.

Canale said despite the criteria drawn up for the league next season, he was still optimistic.

"Most rules are made to be altered, and I feel certain a club with our facilities and administration commands a place in any national competition."

Canale added he also felt there was nothing wrong with the current NSL format of two divisions and that he couldn't see any valid reason for change.

And what happens if the worst comes to the worst and there is no place for City next season?

"I guess we would go back to the local Fourx League and fight our way back.

"But that is purely hypothetical. We are still in the national competition."

Canale also had a swipe at what he terms a campaign by some sections of the local media directed against Brisbane City.

"Naturally some of our officials are getting upset at what they feel are degrading comments about the credibility, integrity and capacity of the club.

"All we are reading are stories about what we should be doing, like selling certain players and buying others.

"Brisbane Lions are not going much better than us but nobody is suggesting to them what steps they should be taking."

Canale said there were four vacancies on the City Board of Directors and anyone with instant solutions to the club problems was welcome to apply.

ARE COACHES REALLY NECESSARY

Let me say right off that some of my best friends are soccer coaches.

I would also like to point out that I have nothing against them except, perhaps, the occasional difficulty understanding what they say when discussing various tactical ploys.

They use a language all their own — like Cockney rhyming slang or the tic-tac language favoured by bookies when carving up a punter.

Expressions like "marking space" (sounds like a job for Superman), or "closing down opponents" (obviously they have out-lived their usefulness) and "work-rate" (wait till the union gets a hold of that one) spring immediately to mind.

Obviously the layman is being excluded from these conversations deliberately in case he eventually learns what they mean and decides to go into the coaching business himself, therefore flooding the market.

But while I remain ignorant of this "in" phraseology, I take solace in the fact that I am in very good company.

The late, Great Bill Shankley, who turned Liverpool from a struggling nonentity into one of the world's most popular and respected clubs, had a similar problem.

He once attended a coaching course to see what he was missing and left after the first day claiming he couldn't understand what the instructors were talking about.

He, like myself, was from the old school. I was about 20 years old before I discovered that a soccer coach wasn't another term for team bus.

That was in the golden days of British soccer, I even find it difficult to say that word instead of football, when coaching was confined to athletics and ballroom dancing.

The 1950s when soccer was a game of instinct, of passion and, most importantly, entertainment.

We had managers and trainers. The manager was usually the one who could read and write and was sometimes invited into the boardroom after a victory.

It was his job to find, sign and blend the best players available into the best possible combination and it was the trainer's job to keep them fit and deal with injuries.

By Bob Brian

This latter task was often accomplished in a particularly simple fashion.

No leather hold-alls loaded with medicines, syringes, pills and hot and cold compresses. No sir, just a sponge soaked in near freezing water.

To this day there is no better incentive for a downed player to get back on his feet — especially on a cold winters' day in Britain.

Coaching? Perhaps a few rough diagrams on a blackboard, but nothing that could attach blame to the manager in the event of a defeat. They may have been rough and ready, but they weren't stupid.

I can recall hearing one manager of the old school tell his players when the team was facing almost certain annihilation: "Get the ball in the air. They can't play with the bloody thing up there".

See how simple and uncomplicated they were. Most of the thinking was done by the men on the spot.

As the outspoken, and sometimes right, Brian Clough said after paying over \$2m for one of his many stars: "If I have to tell him how to play then I have wasted my money."

Again exquisitely simple.

How different today with 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 formations, players being told when and where they must run before they even get onto the pitch, describing themselves as sweepers, playmakers and so on.

Playmakers! Now there's a description to conjure with. What does it mean? What makes them so different from the others? Do they know something we don't? It's all very puzzling.

I was under the impression that each team sent 11 players onto the pitch to play, which would make them all playmakers.

It's all becoming so complicated and my natural cynicism forces me to believe there is a very good reason for this.

The problem is that I can't think what it might be, but I have this recurring nightmare, usually on a Saturday night.

In it I see two coaches — who by this time have come to be called manipulators — sitting in control towers high above the ground at each end of the pitch.

They pull switches and press buttons while 22 robots below respond to instructions.

The referee (or adjudicator as he is now known) sits before a master control with his television monitors tuned into the field manoeuvres (play), always with one hand on the cut-out button in case one of the manipulators swears.

The strain of maintaining a fine balance between mind and finger causes such an indiscretion and it is announced that the offender will have to wear a pair of steel gloves for the following two encounters.

This triggers off a fight among the spectators and both of them are quickly sentenced to a double-header next week.

Me? My editor tells me to write 500 words — on the fight!

When Bob Brian submitted this rather light-hearted critique of coaches we thought that in all fairness we should give the coaches the right to reply, so we asked Victorian Director of Coaching, Mr Tim White for his views, and here they are. — Editor

RIGHT OF REPLY!

The first one now will later be last, for the times they are a changing. So say the words of a popular song of the 60's. They sing out a message that should be as clear in soccer as in any other walk of life.

As times change, so change is needed.

Deny "wants" by all means but fail to heed "needs" at your peril.

My childhood memories of soccer coaching roam vividly back to the school visit by an ex-professional full back and the relentless development of inside foot techniques, the billiard cue pass, foot turned out, "standing foot" alongside the ball, arms outstretched and the studied push through the mind horizontal and vertical point of the ball.

The trap needed to be attended by the same statuesque mechanics as did the instep drive. Then came the

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almost penguin like rhythm of the two footed dribble. Forty odd boys, waddling about the pitch, ball between legs, transformed our playing fields into a vignette of polar arctic wastes.

Contemporary coaching has been less rigidly insistent over which surfaces should be used in controlling the ball

One of the developments that the coach has brought about in recent years is to improve the defensive systems and techniques beyond all recognition.

He should not be blamed for that, because defensive systems in the past, left much to be desired.

In the past it was quite usual to see fast, nifty wingers almost effortlessly rounding lumbering full backs to make sure of the wide open spaces beyond, before crossing the ball or cutting inside to have a go themselves.

It must, I admit, have been exciting to watch the same skilful wingers set up the cross for the centre forward to head, making sure the lace on the old leather ball was pointed away from the head.

I guess that was an extension of the billiard cue pass with a bit of right or left hand side on the ball.

Referring back to my childhood memories of soccer coaching I have learned that the first orientation work with juveniles clearly states: Soccer is to be learned before personality is formed.

All very simple stuff which clearly states that soccer is learned before and expressed after the formation of personality.

I must confess I do not miss the heady days when the coach's philosophy on training was "if it hurts it's doing him good".

That was before the now familiar aerobic and anaerobic approach to training. One wonders how some of those aforementioned burly cumbersome full backs would take to exercising to music or, having finished a long training session, being subject to a "warm-down" before leaving the field.

Me, well I must prepare my next session on the 1st "Principles of Attack" where I endeavour to broaden the players knowledge on "Penetration".

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have been obstacles, unfortunately.

"From the very top (the ASF), right down to the smallest Federation, there have been misunderstandings. We haven't had much support. We've been left by ourselves spending money to keep the game alive, but without being given the right to make decisions for ourselves. People with no knowledge of the game have been allowed to come in, to interfere, to arrange things, to use our players, but we have had no say in the matter. But thank God, those days are over.

"There is no-one in Australia now who can say to the League 'keep quiet little boy', or 'do this' or 'do that'. Now we are controlling our own destiny, and that's for the good of the game.

"Another thing that would be good for the game would be to move the ASF away from Sydney. The National game should be administered from the National capital, Canberra. This has been the view of the Victorian Soccer Federation for the last fifteen years, and we have tried to bring it about several times, but we have always been out-voted.

"The League will only get stronger and stonger from now on, and I know that other senior members of our Executive feel the same way."

Kovac takes an optimistic view of Australian soccer overall, but one thing that disturbs him is the age of the administrators.

"We are all getting old," he says, "and I am concerned about where the next generation of administrators is going to come from. If we can produce good young players and coach them to better things, why can't we do the same for administrators? I think I must talk to a few people and see if we can't arrange a course for young club officials with some sort of diploma like a college degree".

That's Tony Kovac, the soccer fan and elder statesman, always looking forward, and trying to better the game. Good on you T.K.

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VICTORIAN PREVIEW



Bob Brian began his career in soccer journalism with the *Daily Mail* in Scotland in 1963 and travelled extensively in Europe covering European cup tournaments.

He moved to Australia 11 years ago and was appointed soccer writer of the *Melbourne Herald* when the Philips League was born in 1977.

A former player at junior and senior level in Scotland, Bob Brian has been in journalism in one capacity or another for 34 years.

Yet after eight rounds, this was exactly the situation and every "expert" in the south is having trouble believing what they know to be true.

The plain fact is that Footscray, once the most joked about club in the National League, has confounded all its critics and is laughing all the way to the top.

Coach Drago Sekularac has certainly done a fine job giving his players a sense of pride where once there was only pessimism.

Harder training than the players have ever experienced before — certainly in Australia — tenacity and talent has produced a combination that is hard to beat.

compares Footscray as it is now and what it was like when he played.

"The whole atmosphere is much more professional, especially among the committee and supporters," he says.

"When I was here last, no one thought in terms of winning championships. It was a case of survival first.

"Seki has changed all that. He demands complete dedication from the players and he is not slow to let the committee know what's what when necessary.

"The result is that everyone respects him and will do anything for him."

Proof of the new professionalism is that MacLeod has been told to go out and find top class local players and there will be at least two signings in the near future.

So it is all go for Footscray. Meanwhile, its most enthusiastic "enemy", Melbourne Croatia has been hit by some strange malady which has affected the nerve centre of the team.

The resignation of Miron Bleiberg as coach was inevitable after losing four and drawing two of its seven games.

Reconstruction has put added pressure on coaches and Croatia was sitting second bottom of the ladder when Bleiberg's third letter of resignation was finally accepted.

He had a squad that, man for man, is as good as anything in the National League, but they simply couldn't keep up the pace they set earlier.

Selling Gary Ward to West Adelaide Hellas may not have been a wise move. He was the club's leading goal scorer in the Buffalo Cup and only three goals have been scored in the league.

The hunt is now on for a replacement and caretaker



Scott Patterson (16) in the thick of the action against Heidelberg.

If anyone had said at the start of the season that Footscray would be making a power-play for the South Division championship, he would have been quickly wrapped in a straight-jacket before he could do himself an injury.

To add that Melbourne Croatia, runaway winner of the pre-season Buffalo Cup, would face a backs-to-the-wall battle for survival would have earned the same prophet an express trip to the nearest rubber room.

But one of the best moves the former Yugoslav international star has made recently was in acquiring Gus MacLeod, the former Croydon City, Footscray and Green Gully player, as his right-hand man.

MacLeod's local knowledge is proving the perfect back-up to Sekularac's experience and according to MacLeod: "the best is still to come".

MacLeod's natural enthusiasm for soccer becomes almost uncontrollable when he

coach Luka Bonacic won't have an easy job restoring his players' faith in themselves.

South Melbourne Hellas had more than a few anxious moments early on, but it seems to be making a good recovery.

A lot of the credit for that must go to new signing from Scotland, Danny Crainie.

Crainie is finding the net regularly, but is more than a marksman.

He has fine skills, is quick and reads the game well. Not surprisingly since he has played for Celtic, Wolves, Blackpool and Dundee.

He could turn out to be one of the biggest personalities of the season and already he is being compared favourably with Oscar Crino, the Socceroo who left Hellas to play in Cyprus.

For a change Hellas coach John Margaritis finds himself with an embarrassment of riches.

Kenny Murphy has just made a full recovery from ligament trouble which gives Hellas six experienced players — Steve Tasios, Carl Halford, Richard Miranda, Alan Davidson, Crainie and Murphy fighting it out for four mid-field places.

There is little doubt now that Hellas will once again be in at the kill when the season nears the end.

Juventus is still the team hardest to score against and it is running along nicely without causing too much of a stir.

But coach Len McKendry is an ambitious man and he wants the championship he last won with Hellas two seasons ago.

McKendry has revitalised Scott Patterson, who has always had the makings of a star attraction but went through a bad spell when he fell out with Heidelberg United.

Preston Makedonia has recovered former youth international Warren Spink from Luton Town in England. Unfortunately it will only be until the start of the new English season when Spink has been asked to return to continue his trial.



South's Steve Blair and Preston's sharp-shooter, Sean Lane.



South Melbourne strong man Garry McDowall challenges Preston goalie Phil Traianedes.

Still he will be a big help when Preston puts in a strong bid for the title, which it surely will.

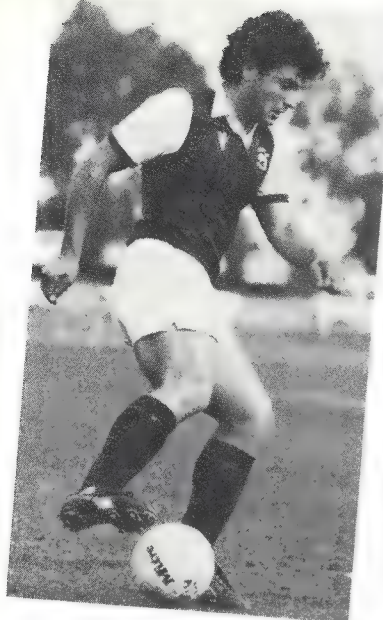
Sunshine George Cross continues to be hard to beat and it's thanks to the astute coaching of John Gardiner that it has managed to maintain a challenge for a place in next season's line-

up despite being unable to strengthen its squad.

Green Gully coach George Murray has tried hard to build a team capable of avoiding the axe, but he has had bad luck with injuries.

But if he can get a settled line-up, the talent is there to put up a solid effort.

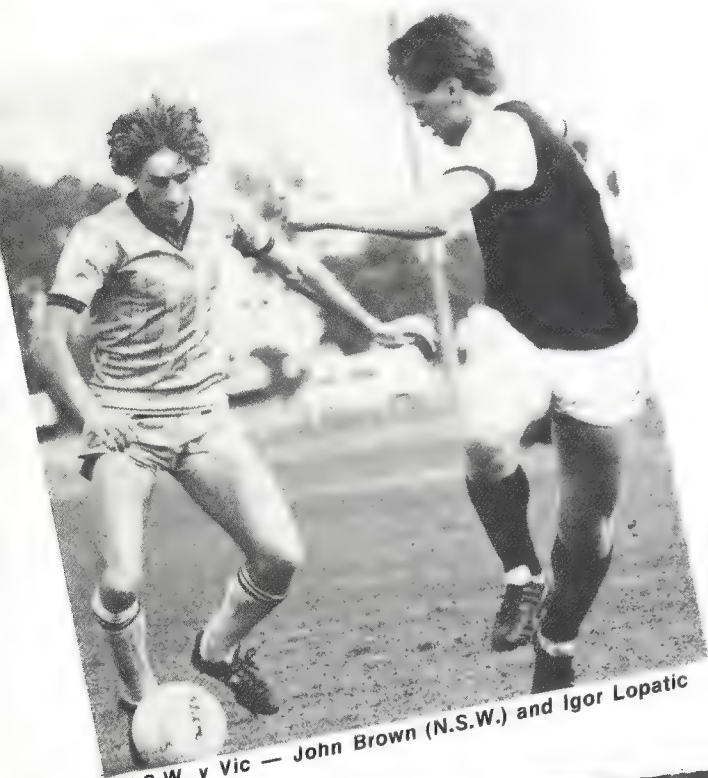
NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM



George Jolevski (Vic.).



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N.S.W. v Vic — John Brown (N.S.W.) and Igor Lopatic (Vic.).

After the National Youth Championship in Melbourne, Youth coach Les Scheinflug picked the following 30 players for the first training camp in Sydney this month.

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Allan Crisp — Soccer is his specialty. Crisp played first division in the S.A. Soccer Association, was a State selector for the S.A. Soccer Federation and was often heard as a commentator on radio. He has covered two FA Cup finals at Wembley and the World Youth Championship in Mexico.

ADELAIDE SCENE

Footscray is probably blissfully unaware that it has helped Adelaide City regain ace defender Paul Shillabeer.

Adelaide City, after handing out a merciless six-goal thrashing to Footscray in a Round Two game, could hardly expect to receive any favours from the Melbourne club.

But the facts are that Footscray, by persistently chasing Shillabeer to join it, was directly responsible for helping the defender to make up his mind to go back to Adelaide City.

Shillabeer admits that the Footscray overtures were the turning point in his decision to switch back from State League football to the OASL.

And when the move was eventually made after much soul searching, Shillabeer's career turned full circle.

"The offers from Footscray made me start thinking about playing National League soccer again," said Shillabeer.

"I knew I wanted to play National League again, but moving to Melbourne was the hardest decision to make.

"Christine (his wife) and I talked about it but decided against it.

"But when City rang it didn't seem so difficult to make a decision. It was logical to go back."

Apart from the Footscray offer, Shillabeer also was influenced by representing S.A. during its DCM tournament success in India last year.

That tour renewed his zeal as he renewed his team spirit with former Adelaide City team mates, Willy McNally, Neville Flounders, Sergio Melta, Bugsy Nyskohus, Steve Maxwell, Charley Villani and Adrian Santrac.

Port Lincoln-born Shillabeer originally joined Adelaide City as an Under 16 player in 1980 and he signed a three-year contract with the Kensington Gardens based club in 1982.

He left City to link up with Beograd at the start of the 1985 State League season and won the S.A. Rothmans Medal in his first year with the club.

Before that he made 43 OANL

appearances for City, mostly playing in the right full-back position.

His medal triumph was achieved, however, mainly as a central defender.

His stint with Beograd was one which enabled him to restore his confidence in his ability.

When he finally severed the ties with Beograd, Shillabeer was full of praises for the club, his coach, Johnny Nyskohus and his former colleagues.

In the main, he believed that he was missing the challenge of regular participation in the National League.

"I enjoyed my stay with Beograd, but the difference between the standard of Rothmans League and National League is tremendous."

His first assignment for City on his return was huge as he had to mark South Melbourne striker Charlie Egan.

But Shillabeer matched the wily forward in guile and speed to signal a triumphant comeback to the black-and-whites.

RIVAL ADELAIDE CITY!

By "The Advertiser"
soccer writer
Allan Crisp



Adelaide City goalkeeper, Willy McNally saves bravely at the feet of Hellas striker Gary Price in their Second Round Nanda Cup-tie.

Despite McNally's splendid goalkeeping, though, Hellas got through 1-0.

McNally is having an outstanding season, and he has already caught the eye of Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

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